REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-15 and 23-24 are currently pending

in this application. Claims 16-22 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 4,

7, 10, and 14 have been amended to more clearly recite the claimed subject matter.

Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced into the application by

these amendments.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be

addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a

telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this

application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the

Examiner's convenience.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1-15 and 23-24, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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